

# ***instructions***

FOR THE



## **OSCILLOSCOPE PROBE**

### **MODEL PKW-101**

The Heath Model PKW-101 Oscilloscope Probe is a high impedance (low capacitance), isolating type probe.

This Probe can be used to examine high frequency waveforms without distorting the waveform or loading the circuit, and it can also be used in any other application where a high impedance probe is desired.

A trimmer capacitor adjustment compensates for the internal capacitance in the probe and probe cable and, at the same time, matches the Probe to the particular input capacitance of the oscilloscope. The Probe was designed for optimum performance when used with any oscilloscope having a 1 megohm input resistance shunted by up to a maximum of 40 pF. The special features of this Probe make possible a true waveform representation on the oscilloscope.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Input Resistance .....	10 megohm.
Oscilloscope Input Capacitance Range .....	Up to 40 pF.
Connector .....	BNC.
Maximum Voltage .....	500 Vdc or 500 Vac peak-to-peak.
Attenuation .....	10:1 (with oscilloscope having 1 MΩ input resistance).
Attenuation Accuracy .....	±3%.
Frequency Range .....	DC to 30 MHz.

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## OPERATION

The hook on the outer probe tip is exposed by pulling back on the spring-loaded portion of the tip. This feature allows you to attach the hook to a test point so both hands can be used to make adjustments while observing waveforms.

As shown in Figure 1, the inner probe tip is available by removing the outer probe tip. This tip is a fine point for working in close areas. For hard-to-reach test points, a stiff wire clamped under the outer hook probe may be used as a probe extension.

**CAUTION:** Do not use the Probe in circuits where 600 volts dc or 600 volts ac peak-to-peak may be present.

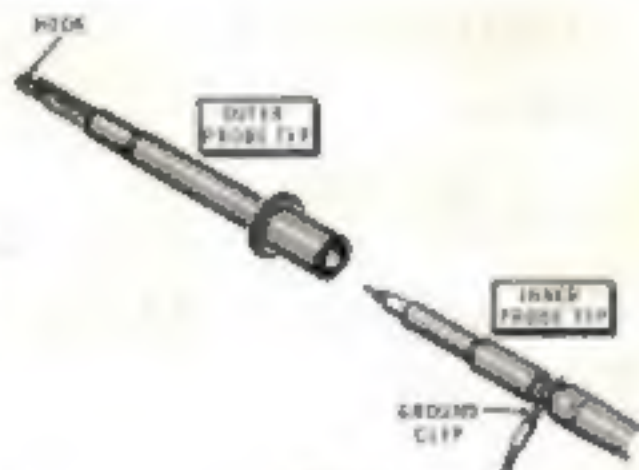


Figure 1

## TRIMMER CAPACITOR ADJUSTMENT

To adjust the trimmer capacitor for using the Probe with a particular oscilloscope, refer to Figure 2 and connect the pod to the oscilloscope and the outer probe hook to the output of a square-wave signal generator, such as the Heath Sine-Square Audio Generator. Connect the Ground Clip assembly to the ground terminal of the generator. Set the generator for a 1 kHz square-wave output.

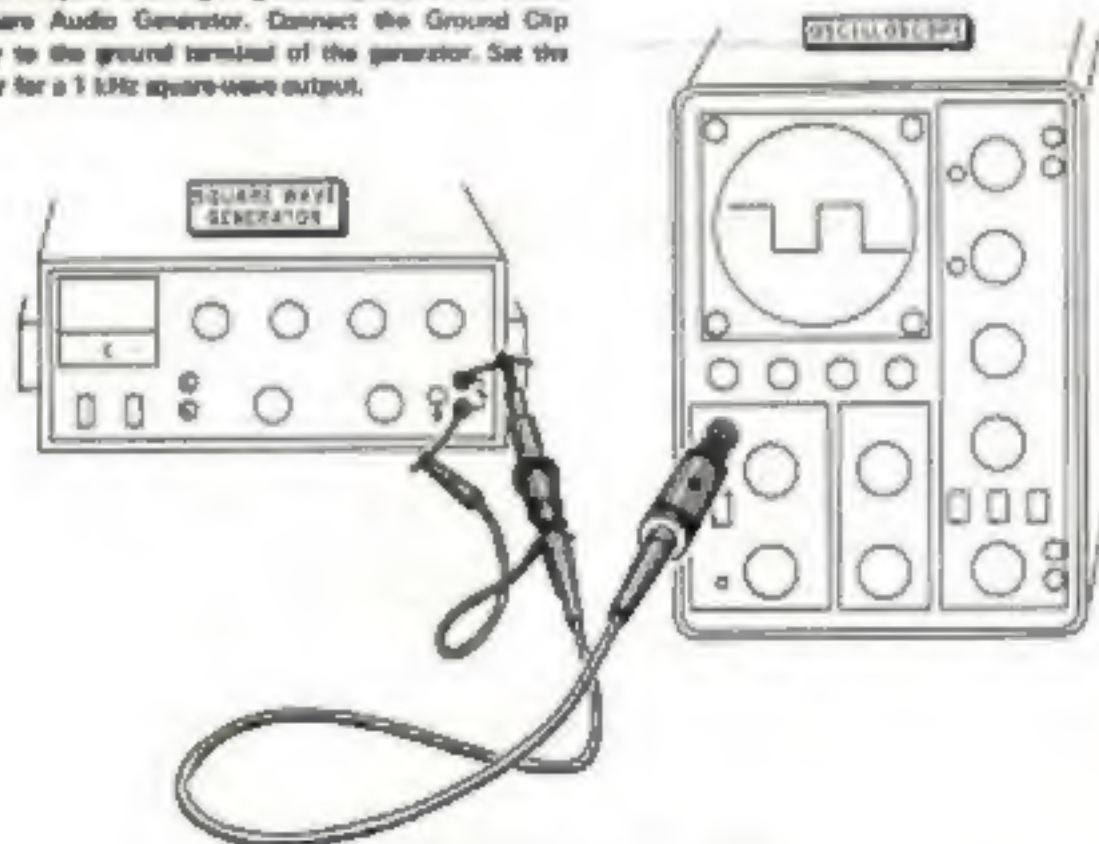


Figure 2

OVER-COMPENSATED



CORRECT



UNDER-COMPENSATED



The trimmer capacitor adjusting screw is accessible through a small hole in the circuit shield (on the pod), as shown in Figure 2. Using a nonmetallic alignment tool, turn the trimmer capacitor so the over-compensated, correct, and under-compensated waveforms shown in Figure 3 may be obtained in comparison to the oscilloscope. Set the trimmer capacitor to obtain the correct waveform.

**NOTE:** If a nonmetallic alignment tool is not available, use a small, narrow-blade screwdriver with an insulated handle. Turn the trimmer screw while observing the waveform on the oscilloscope. When the waveform is nearly correct, remove the screwdriver. If the waveform changes when you remove the screwdriver, turn the trimmer screw slightly. Remove the screwdriver and again observe the waveform. Repeat this process until the correct waveform is obtained after the screwdriver is removed.

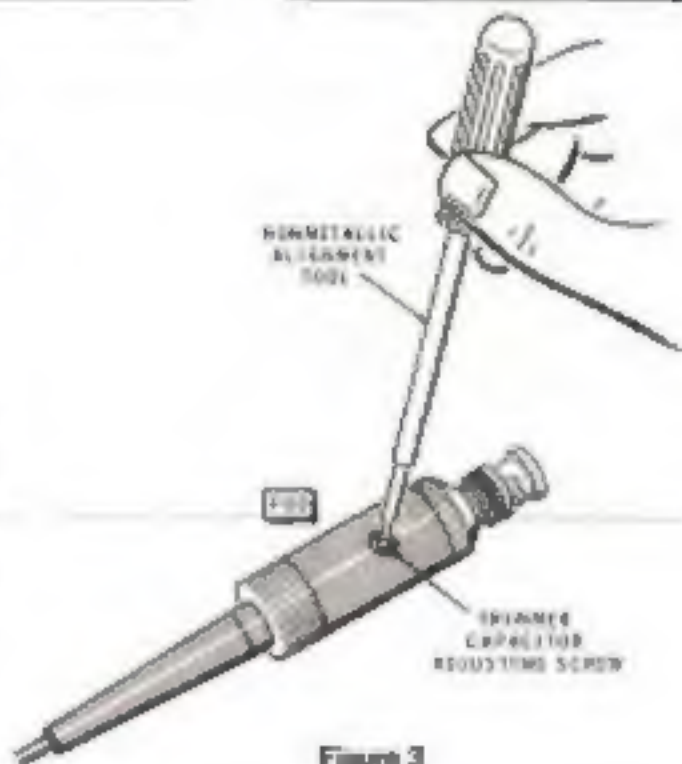
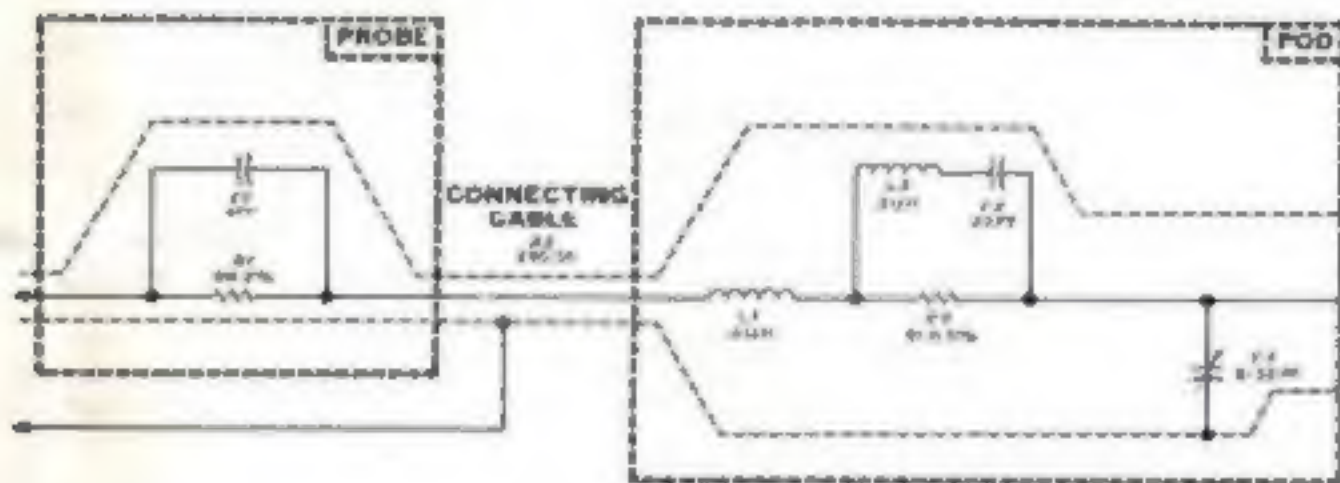


Figure 3



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Refer to the Schematic Diagram on Page 3 while reading the following circuit description. The Schematic Diagram is divided into three sections: probe, cable, and pod.

The Probe has a high resistance, R1, in its circuitry to isolate the oscilloscope from the test circuit and to minimize any loading of the test circuit. Since R1 is 9 M $\Omega$ , an attenuation ratio of 10:1 exists between the actual signal voltage and the voltage applied to the oscilloscope by the Probe. R1 forms a part of a dc voltage dividing circuit in conjunction with the 1 megohm input resistance of the oscilloscope.

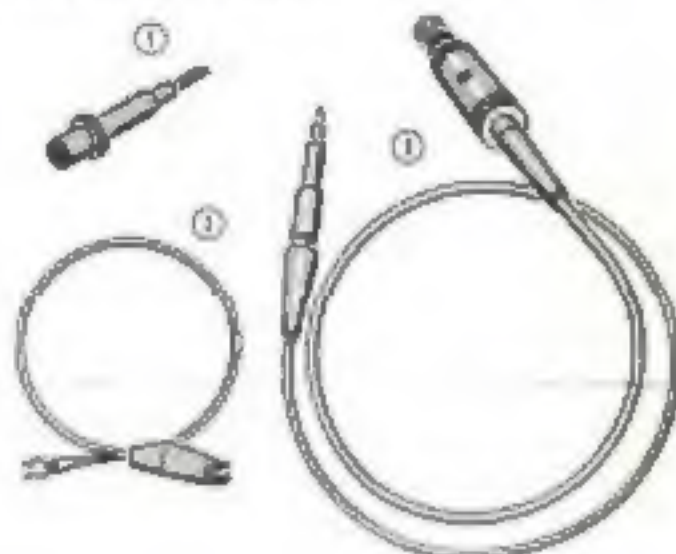
At frequencies over 1 kHz, C1 and C3 form a high frequency voltage divider to maintain the 10:1 attenuation ratio. C3 is adjustable and, with C1, also provides capacitance compensation to accommodate the particular input capacitance of the oscilloscope being used.

The 3-1/2-foot connecting cable (R2) and the circuit components in the pod (L1, L2, C2, and R3) constitute a ringing-suppression circuit which damps out ringing at all frequencies in the range of the Probe. This provides flat response for any type of input waveform to the Probe.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

Write to the Heath Company for replacement price information for any of the following parts.

KEY No.	PART No.	DESCRIPTION
1	100-1032	Probe tip assembly
2	100-1034-1	Probe assembly
3	100-1035-1	Ground clip assembly



### WARRANTY

The Heath Company warrants that under conditions of normal use and service it will repair or replace any factory assembled unit whose performance does not meet published specifications and is returned to Heath prepaid within one year following date of shipment. The published specifications are those labeled "specifications" in the catalog and the manual for the unit. The replacement or repaired unit is shipped prepaid by us anywhere in the continental United States or to APO or FPO addresses. Shipments to other places are FOB factory. Heath's obligation is limited to such replacement or repair by Heath, and Heath is not responsible under this warranty or otherwise for any consequential damage or other loss in connection with the unit or its use.

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